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Dr. Field recommends that all the state laws relative to mollusks be revised, and suitable shellfish laws be framed to secure a unity and clearness which should render graft, unfairness and avoidable economic loss impossible, and be replaced with a code of fair, intelligent and forceful laws, which would not only permit the advancement of the mollusk industry through the individual efforts of the progressive fishermen, but also protect the rights of the general public, as follows:

"(1)—Permit leasing of the fishing rights over at least one-half of the area below high water mark at a reasonable annual rental to any native or naturalized citizen of the commonwealth, and with adequate safeguards against predaceous and pernicious monopolization of these rights by individuals or corporations.

"(2)—Tenure should be secure and pass as real estate to heirs and assigns for balance of term of lease, so long as the area is properly utilized.

"(3)—The state should guarantee protection equal to that accorded to farmers. The shellfish should equally be regarded as property.

"(4)—Should declare certain animals and plants to be common nuisances and compel the destruction of such animals and plants under penalty, e. g., starfish, drill, sulphur sponge et al.

"(5)—Should make possible the collection and sale of mollusk spat under proper biologic and economic precautions.

"(6)—Should definitely safeguard the public health, requiring that all shellfish beds from which mollusks are marketed should be inspected and certified as to their sanitary conditions."

After Dr. Field's address, the delegates engaged in discussion.

Mayor Hackett of Portsmouth, N.H., said about 125 men in his vicinity go out daily lobster fishing, and there are more lobsters in the Portsmouth market today than in previous years, because of the use of power boats, but it is a mistake to believe the supply is increasing.

Mayor Hackett quoted the laws of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The two former states prohibit the taking of lobsters under 10 1-2 inches, compared to the Massachusetts 9-inch law. The laws of the three states as to the close season is at sixes and sevens. He urged uniform legislation as to the size, close season, etc., and suggested licensing lobster fishermen for better supervision.

Fish Commissioner Donahue of Maine said his state has been living up to the 10 1-2 inch law for 10 years, and believes in it. He argued that to take smaller lobsters was a great mistake from a commercial standpoint. "More than half of our 3000 lobster fishermen have become convinced that the law is good and are helping the commission to enforce it. Up to within a few years lobsters were growing scarcer, but the output is now increasing—from 11,137,000 pounds, valued at \$1,334,000, in 1905, to 17,397,342 pounds, valued at \$1,888,000, in 1907."

The commission buys seed lobsters, paying a premium. Commissioner Donahue admitted that the state has been obliged sometimes to buy the same lobster three times, as it is always liberated.

Commissioner Mead of Rhode Island, like the other delegates who spoke from the floor, disagreed with the platform speakers as to the best way to preserve lobsters. He urged uniform enforceable laws, and a campaign of education. He eulogized the Maine law and the Maine campaign of education. He pointed out that while the egg-bearing lobsters are valuable, yet the young that have safely passed through all the vicissitudes necessary to reach the 9-inch stage are even more valuable, for they no longer need excessive protection.

James A. Young was called on to speak from the standpoint of a practical lobsterman, and endorsed Prof. Herrick's views.

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FISH MARKET DULL.

Many Fine Fares at T Wharf, Boston, Today.

Captain of Halibuters Here Report Hard Weather.

The usual dullness in the fish market which follows Thanksgiving is in evidence today. At Boston is a goodly fleet and outside of haddock, all other fish are going at splitting prices. Haddock are bringing from \$1.50 to \$2.40 per hundred weight.

Several of the larger vessels are there from the eastward with big fares, the top notchers being sch. Romance, Capt. William

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Corkum, with 12,000 pounds, mostly haddock. The new sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, is also there from her maiden trip with a fine fare, 90,000 pounds of cod, and haddock. Of the others sch. Muriel has 60,000 pounds; Olga, 60,000 pounds; Raymah, 65,000 pounds; Josie and Phebe, 70,000 pounds and Cynthia, 95,000 pound.

Sch. Niagara of this port arrived at T wharf this morning with a small fare of halibut.

At this port pollock have been in goodly receipt, sch. Good Luck, Capt. James Goodwin, having a fare of 60,000 pounds yesterday, the largest of the season thus far.

Three of the fresh halibut fleet are here today with small fare, all the skippers reporting the worst kind of weather and fish very scarce on Western bank, Quero bank and Cape Shore grounds. Sch. Gladiator, Capt. Fred McKay, has certainly been up against it hard for she has lost an anchor and 100 fathoms of cable and considerable fishing gear.

Several of the shore boats came to this port yesterday to land their hake, and this with the many and good pollock fares piled one of the wharves up pretty well.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Athlete, Virgin Rocks, dory handling, 275,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Gladiator Quero Bank, 7000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Olympia, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Massachusetts, Quero Bank, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Cape Shore, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Kineo, Cape Shore, 3000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Edith J. Silveira, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Appomattox, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Ralph Russell, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Olive Kilham, shore, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, shore, 27,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Good Luck, shore, 60,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Pythian, shore, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Volant, shore, 28,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Niagara, Quero Bank, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. salt fish, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.; gutted 70 cents.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$3.37 1-2; mediums, \$3; snappers, \$2.

Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.20; mediums, \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Matchless, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 6000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Raymah, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 3000 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Oliver F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake, 2000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Athena, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Rex, 25,000 haddock, 65,000 cod, 500 halibut.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 3000 haddock, 8000 cod, 8000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 70,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Niagara.

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Sch. Cynthia, 90,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Romance, 100,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Dorothy, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Conqueror, 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Olga, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. John M. Keen, 3000 haddock, 600 cod, 18,000 hake.

Sch. Muriel, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.40; per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.10; market cod, \$1.60 to \$1.75; hake, 50 cts. to \$1.25; pollock, 50 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, from Southwest Harbor, Me. for this port, with cured fish, was at Portland Wednesday.

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SERIOUS COMPLAINT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. The question, have the owners of the Arctic whaling fleet just

grounds against the government for the destruction of their business by blundering and incompetent officials? is agitating the citizens of New Bedford, and the Mercury of that city, which by the way, is a competent and impartial newspaper, says that when a revenue cutter officer overhauled steamer William Baylies and placed Capt. Bodfish under arrest, ordering him to report at Nome, the voyage of the ship was broken, and the owners and men lost thousands of dollars, as it was necessary for the ship to leave in the height of the whaling season. It is explained that, from the nature of the Arctic whaling business it often happens that the crews include some desperate and dangerous characters. Naturally with such men in service, some trouble must arise, and if the revenue officers are going to take the captains out of their ships upon complaints of such men and thereby break up voyages each season, the risk is one no investor may be expected to assume. The agents do not expect the masters of their vessels to escape any just consequences of misbehavior, but if the captains are accused, the agents say there can be no harm in waiting for the return of the vessel before making an arrest. Captain Bodfish, in the case cited, was acquitted of the charges brought against him.

If this were only one case of the kind, and if the government were disposed to give assurances that similar cases would be more wisely handled hereafter, the matter could be dismissed as unfortunate, but not serious. But our New Bedford contemporary says that the increasing difficulties of the whaling trade, coupled with the alleged oppression of the government has led the owners to take their profits and retire from the enterprise. The vessels will lay up in the San Francisco docks, and it is doubtful if the steam-whalers ever again sail to the Arctic. It may be the whalers may fit out sailing vessels and make occasional voyages to the Arctic, but "it is safe to predict that the doom of the steam-whaler is sealed."

A review of the trade, since war times, shows that "the disasters of 1871 and 1873 destroyed the vessels by wholesale, the Shendooah preyed upon them, and the ice pack picked them off one by one. To the ever-present foes of nature the United States government contributed its menace to the investment, and so ends another incident of the bravest industry in which daring men ever engaged."

These charges are serious enough to demand some reply from the officials at the head of the revenue cutter service. The outcome in the Bodfish case speaks for itself, and justifies the public in asking what policy the federal officials purpose to follow, in the future.

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Herring Plenty at Cape Sable.

The bays on both sides of Cape Sable are still literally swarming with herring. Most of the nets at Clark's Harbor were full Monday morning. The fish are large and lean, unfit for food. The netters make no account of them, except for bait.

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Sch. Olga, via Boston, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Romance, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Onata, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 16,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.; gutted 70 cents.
 Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.25.
 Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
 Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$3.37 1-2; mediums, \$3; snappers, \$2.
 Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.
 Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
 Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.
 Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.20; mediums, \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.
 Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Viking, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.
 Sch. Edith J. Silvera, 5000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 hake.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
 Steamer Water Witch.
 Steamer Bryda F.
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Galatea, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 8000 hake, 1000 cusk.
 Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$2; hake, 50 cts. to \$1.50.

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JIBED TO SAVE CRAFT

But for This, Sch. Flavilla Would Have Been Cut Down.

Big Steamer Struck Her Main Boom Sunday Morning.

Sch. Flavilla, Capt. Woolard, one of the shore fishing fleet, arrived at this port yesterday, and her men reported a very narrow escape from being run down.

The schooner was bound in from the fishing grounds and at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, it being very dark at the time, the watch on deck sighted a cargo steamer dangerously near and headed straight in the direction of the fisherman. The sleeping men forward and aft were hastily awakened the horn was blown and fire torch shown, but the steamer did not swerve from her course.

Capt. Woolard ordered the vessel jibed in order to prevent being cut down, but not in time to prevent the steamer crashing into the mainboom as she grazed the side of the fishing schooner and lumbered heavily along. The stick was smashed in two pieces and the force of the impact whirled the vessel about like a top.

The steamer, bound for Boston, paid no attention to the shouting fishermen.

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Dull Market at Boston.

The market on fresh fish at T wharf, Boston, this morning is dull. Most of the pollock fares are coming here to split and cod are quoted at splitting prices. Off shore haddock are bringing \$1.50, a few shore fish selling at \$3.

There are several big off shore trips there, sch. Catherine and Ellen has 92,000 pounds, sch. Benj. A. Smith, 87,000 pounds, Regina, 75,000 pounds, Vanessa, 53,000 pounds, James W. Parker, 50,000 pounds, and Gossip, 50,000 pounds.

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SCH. INGOMAR HOME.**Brings Salt Herring Cargo from Bay of Islands.****Had Good Passage But Reports Herring Quite Scarce.**

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., this noon with a cargo of salt herring, being the fourth of the fleet to arrive this season. The craft started for home last Monday and has had a good chance along.

Salt herring are in most lively demand and the supply is considerably behind last year, when, up to this time eight vessels had arrived with salt and two with frozen cargoes, against only four with salt cargoes, to date, this year.

Capt. Parsons reports herring scarce when he left and as far as is known no other vessels are loaded and on the way.

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Knocks Out the T Wharf Trade at Fulton Market.

There was only a small quantity of fish in the four vessels at Boston Saturday morning, and the dealers did not want it. The New York market is closed against Boston for the present and that is the biggest market for cod the Boston dealers have. At this season the fishermen are taking cod along the Jersey coast, and give the New York market about all of that fish it needs.

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Cured Fish.

Sch. Myra Sears from New Harbor, Me., and schs. Annie F. Kimball from Nanset, Me., are here this morning with cargoes of cured fish.

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Sch. Myra Sears, New Harbor, Me., cured fish.
 Schs. Annie F. Kimball, Manset, Me., cured fish.
 Sch. Gracie, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh cod.
 Boats, 320 bbls. fresh herring.
 Sch. Volant, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Marion, via Boston, 5000 lbs. pollock.
 Sloop Maxwell, via Boston 4000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 52,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
 Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 30,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 25,000 hake, 25,000 pollock.
 Sch. Vanessa, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3000 cusk.
 Sch. James W. Parker, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
 Sch. Gossip, 15,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
 Sch. Squanto, 18,000 haddock, 1800 cod.
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 30,000 hake.
 Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunn, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.
 Sch. Julietta, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2500 hake.

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Sch. Volant, 15,000 pollock.
 Sch. Maxwell, 4000 pollock.
 Sch. Yankee, 6500 cod.
 Sch. Cherokee, 8000 cod.
 Sch. Mattie Brundage, 15,000 cod.
 Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 20,000 pollock.
 Sch. Motor, 1800 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Appomattox, 16,000 pollock.
 Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 pollock.
 Sch. Mabel Bryson, 17,000 pollock.
 Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Ignatius Enos, 7000 pollock.
 Sch. Regina, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 25,000 pollock.
 Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 15,000 pollock.
 Sch. N. A. Rowe, 14,000 cod.
 Sch. Minerva, 3500 haddock, 700 cod, 200 hake.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator.
 Sch. Marion, 5000 pollock.
 Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50; large hake, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, 75 cts.

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Squid Destroying Herring.

White Bay, N. F., fishermen say that as the scarcity of herring is due to the immense schools of squid now in that neighborhood. They eat the herring from the nets and the men find it of very little service to put out their twines. There are thousands of tarps starving along the coast as the squid prevents them fishing. Passengers arriving by the Prospero say that the bird are very plentiful and can be killed with a stick, so weak are they from lack of food.

Herring Notes.

A despatch from Birchby Cove, Bay of Islands, N. F., received Saturday morning, gives poor comfort to the dealers who are expecting herring. The sender said that the weather was bad, but that there was no frost, and that the herring had struck off shore and were lost for the time. The fishermen expect that with the coming of real winter weather, they will run in shore again.

The Nova Scotia sch. Lottie sailed November 25 with 1000 barrels of salt herring. The following vessels are at Bay of Islands, from Lunenburg, N. S., for herring: Lila B. Hittle, Colonia, Lottie, and Palatia, for salt herring. Ellen L. Maxner, Coronation Juniata, Clintonia, Muriel M. Young and Earle V. S., for frozen herring.

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Shipping Boiled Lobsters Across the Ocean.

The experiment has been tried of sending lobsters boiled in Canada to London. After being boiled and cooled, the lobsters were wrapped in paper and sent in cases with ice, and as a result retained their full flavor for about fourteen days.

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Sch. Squanto, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Gossip, via Boston, 33,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston, 17,000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Two Sisters, shore, 1200 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Ignatius Enos, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Reliance, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Geraldine, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Almeida, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Ramona, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Galatea, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. John M. Keen, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Edith Silveira, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Manomet, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Norman Fisher, shore, 20,000 fresh fish.
 Boats, shore, 130 barrels fresh herring.
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.